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SOVIET CLIENT STATE

SUMMARY. ACTING HEAD OF MFA'S 4TH POL DIVISION MAGIDI ROSHANGAR,
ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPUTY FM ZELLI, EXPRESSED GOI CONCERN
TO ACTING POL SECTION HEAD STEMPER THAT AFGHANISTAN IS NOW
CLOSELY FOLLOWING SOVIET LINE IN WORLD AFFAIRS. HE CITED:
(A) NONALIGNED CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE, WHERE GOA POSITION
REFLECTED SOVIET POLICY; (B) ASSIGNMENT OF ABDUL RAHIM, AN
OFFICER WITH STRONG SOVIET TIES, TO EMBASSY WASHDC; AND (C)
ANTI-PAKISTAN RHETORIC AT BELGRADE WHICH ASSERTED THAT GOP
IS A CLIENT OF THE WEST. END SUMMARY.

1. ROSHANGAR REVIEWED SPEECH OF AFGHAN FM AMIN IN BELGRADE,
STRESSING THAT AMIN'S ANTI-WESTERN RHETORIC WAS STRONGER IN
PERSIAN THAN IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION. THIS SPEECH WAS BROUGHT
TO SHAH'S ATTENTION (WHO MENTIONED IT IN PASSING TO CHARGE

AUG. 13). ROSHANGAR LISTED AREAS OF GOA SUPPORT FOR
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SOVIET POLICY: MIDDLE EAST--GOA CALLS FOR GENEVA
CONFERENCE; SOUTH AFRICA--GOA DEPLORES WESTERN POLICY;
ANGOLA--GOA SUPPORTS REGIME; CYPRUS--GOA SUGGESTS TURKS
WITHDRAW; INDIAN OCEAN--GOA CALLS FOR TERMINATING DIEGO
GARCIA AND OTHER BASES. GOA ALSO ADOPTS SOVIET POSITION
ON DISARMAMENT, AND EVEN REFERS TO CENTO AS "AN
AGGRESSIVE PACT".

2. ROSHANGAR SAID THAT ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES (EMBASSY COMMENT: SAVAK), ABDUL RAHIM WILL GO TO WASHINGTON AS 2ND SECRETARY. RAHIM HAS BEEN A STUDENT IN MOSCOW FOR TEN YEARS AND WENT DIRECTLY FROM MOSCOW TO WASHINGTON. NEW AMBASSADOR NOOR SPEAKS LITTLE ENGLISH, AND RAHIM, WHO DOES SPEAK ENGLISH, IS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN MOST NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ROSHANGAR NOTED HARSH AFGHAN ATTACKS ON PAKISTAN FOR ATTENDING BELGRADE CONFERENCE, EVEN AS A GUEST. ACCORDING TO GOA, PAKISTAN COULD NOT BE CALLED "NONALIGNED" SINCE IT WAS MEMBER OF CENTO, AN "AGGRESSIVE BLOC".

4. EMBOFF INFORMED ROSHANGAR THAT USG REPORTS OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE SIMILARLY PORTRAYED AFGHAN STANCE AND THAT USG FOUND THIS DISAPPOINTING.
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